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Honorable Lois Bloom  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

*The Court is sorry to hear that the visa "fell through". This is disheartening. Defendant's counsel shall report the status of plaintiff's case to the Court by 3/15/10.*

Re: Maniero v. Gonzales  
CV 07-0047

Entered: S/ Hon. Lois Bloom  
12/30/09 Lois Bloom U.S. M.J.

Dear Judge Bloom:

This letter is written to provide a status report to the Court on the above-referenced matter. As the Court is aware, approximately two years ago, the Immigration authorities placed plaintiff and his entire family in deferred action status, that status being valid until January 25, 2010. Part of the reason for this was to provide plaintiff with the opportunity to regularize his status here.

It appeared that plaintiff was on the way to doing so. Indeed, plaintiff had a labor certification issued and was eligible to receive resident status through a work-related visa. His case was being handled by an immigration attorney. However, for reasons not totally clear, (plaintiff blames the attorney and the attorney blames plaintiff), the visa was not timely processed and accordingly fell through.

I have asked the Immigration authorities to extend plaintiff's status for another year and am awaiting their response. While I am hopeful that they will extend his status, they will not agree to provide him with resident status.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and please contact me should any additional information be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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